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MEMORANDUM

TO: Heads of Fire Departments

FROM: Stephen D. Coan
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DATE: May 1, 2010

SUBJECT: **527 CMR 4 and Implementation of: Chapter 453 of the Acts of 2008**
"An Act Relative to Homeowner Heating Safety"

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations (BFPR) has amended 527 CMR 4.00 to reflect Chapter 453 of the Acts of 2008 and the required upgrades to existing systems that must be completed by July 1, 2010. The amended pages of 527 CMR 4 are included for insertion into your copy of the State Fire Code and will also be posted on our website for your convenience.

Regulatory changes made to 527 CMR 4.00 are to conform to chapter 453 of the Acts of 2008 and include:

- A permit is required for the upgrades required by 527 CMR 4.00 made to existing installations.
- Inspection of upgrade requirements are optional and up to the local fire department.
- New burner installations remain unchanged and still require both a permit and inspection.
- Supply and return lines in contact with concrete or the earth are subject to sleeving requirements or OSV, as applicable.

Additional information regarding this new law can be found on our web site, which includes a link to the DEP web site and our past correspondence on this law.

If you need further information, please contact the Department of Fire Services, Division of Fire Safety, at (978) 567-3375 or in Western Massachusetts at (413) 587-3181.

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